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- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
- Detailed Description of the Invention (including drawings, *if filed*)
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11. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

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The following utility patent application is enclosed for filing:

Applicant(s): Eric W. Bonabeau

Executed on: March 5, 2001

Title of Invention: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TESTING AND INVENTING NEW BUSINESS METHODS

PATENT APPLICATION FEE VALUE

TYPE	NO. FILED	LESS	EXTRA	EXTRA RATE	Fee
Total Claims	43	-20	23	\$18.00 each	\$ 414.00
Independent	12	-3	9	\$80.00 each	\$ 720.00
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				Multiple Dependency Fee If Applicable (\$270.00)	\$ 0.00
				Total	\$ 1,844.00
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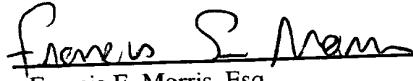
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□ Priority of application no. 60/187,889 filed on March 8, 2000 in the United States is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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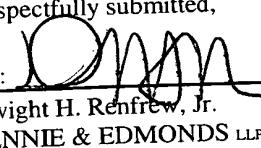
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